

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claim 16 has been amended to correct the double recitation of an operating member, as noted in the Office Action. Additionally, Claim 9 has been amended to include the features of Claim 10 that the wire is bent by the guide part and that the guide part and adjusting member have wire connection portions, and further to recite that the wire connecting portions are longitudinally bent in opposite directions to hook the wire, and the wire is fixed to one of the wire connection portions of the guide part and the adjusting member. Basis for these latter amendments is found in the sentence bridging pp. 18-19, and beginning at line 17 of page 20. That is, the wire is bent at guide hole 31a and is either attached to the connecting portion 32a (Fig. 16) or looped around portion 32a and connected to portion 31b (Fig. 17). Claims 11 and 13 have been amended in more structural form.

Basis for new dependent Claim 17 is found in Fig. 14. Basis for new dependent Claim 18 is found at Fig. 15.

Concerning the continued rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, the claims have been amended to positively recite the elements previously recited using the term “via,” have been amended to recite the sandwiching of the projecting walls in more structural form, and have been amended to correct the double recitation of an operating member, but have not been otherwise amended since applicants believe that the amended claims are now clear and definite under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 9-13 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being obvious over JP ‘776 in view of JP ‘007, and further in view of Hoshiyama, wherein JP ‘007 was cited for the specifics of the wire adjusting mechanism. However, it is noted that the wire adjusting mechanism 21 of JP ‘007 does not provide both a guide part and an adjusting member having oppositely bent wire connecting portions, wherein the wire is fixed to the wire connection

portion of one of the guide part and the adjusting member. Instead, only the adjustable member 5 has a wire connection part. The amended claims therefore define over this prior art.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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